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Information on the Chemical Complex in Semtin, Czechoslovakia.

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1. Brief description: The chemical complex combines three independent plants, which have one management directly subordinated to the Ministry of Chemical Industry.
    - a. Explosia: This is the original plant of the Chemical Complex, which manufactures various explosives for military and industrial purposes. The Explosia plant occupies the largest area of the Chemical Complex, Semtin, and is located in the NE part. In the area of this plant new constructions are being done continually.
    - b. Synthesia: This is the second independent plant of the Chemical Complex. The plant produces acids, dyes, and various synthetic chemicals for industry.
    - c. Uma: This is the youngest plant of the Semtin Complex which manufactures synthetic substances, such as plexiglass and others. In 1954/55 a secret section was established where special kind of film is being produced for the army. The secret section alone employs about 120 workers mostly women.
  2. Employees: The Chemical Complex Semtin inclusive the management employs about 6,000 persons, who work mostly 12-hours shifts.
  3. There is continually in progress building of new halls and reconstruction of older buildings.
  4. The Chemical complex is guarded by Plant Militia and by an Interior Guard unit. However, the entire complex is under military control.
  5. Description of individual buildings observed from the outside:
    1. Barracks of the Interior Guard. They are located by the southern side of the highway Pardubice-Bohdanec, which is the east side of the complex. There is a row of wooden huts and one masonry garage. The barracks were built in 1952/3; there are about 250 members of the Interior Guard.
    2. New boiler house Semtin. By the western side of the barracks of the Interior Guard was in 1953 built new boiler house equipped with fully automatic coal-loading. The boiler house has been in operation since 1955. It is a huge complex of ferro-concrete elevated buildings.
    3. Main administration building and Military section. The administration building is a 2-storied building, on the eastern side by the highway.

Adjoining it is a long groundfloor building where various offices of the Explosia are situated and which the workers call "Sing Sing". Adjoining the latter is another 2-storied building housing the Military section.

4. Main entrance to Explosia. Between the first 2-storied building and the groundfloor building is the main entrance. 25X1
5. Old boiler house. Approximately in the middle of the area is the old boiler house. It is elevated masonry building.
6. Main entrance to Synthesia. It is on the west side of the boiler house. Gatekeeper's house is about 100 meters north of the highway.
7. Warehouses of Uma. A groundfloor building with a loading ramp used by the Uma plant.
8. Film production hall. In the northern direction from the warehouse is a new 2-storied building, 20 x 20 meters, where the special film for the army is being manufactured.
9. Main entrance to Uma. It is next to the film production hall.
10. New air-raid shelter. At the point where the plant's fence separate from the Pardubice-Bohdanec highway was in 1955 completed a new reinforced concrete air-raid shelter. The shelter is approximately 40 x 40 meters large; it is to be used for storing of technical archive and for the experts of the Chemical complex, Semtin.
11. Complex of the East-Bohemian Chemical plants. Along the eastern side of the Blatnikova Lhotka road is a row of ferro-concrete buildings belonging to the East-Bohemian Chemical Plants. A railroad spur leads to these buildings. In one of the buildings is situated the Central Research Institute for Pharmaceutical medicaments.
12. Air-raid shelter, VCHZ (probably abb. for the Vychodoceske Chemicke Zavody) About 250 meters from the Bohdanec road a new air-raid shelter of about the same size as #10, was built in 1955. The shelter is planned to be used as an archive and for the head officials.

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6. Information on some personnel of the Chemical Complex, Semtin.

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In 1955, the head director was fnu Zizka, [redacted]

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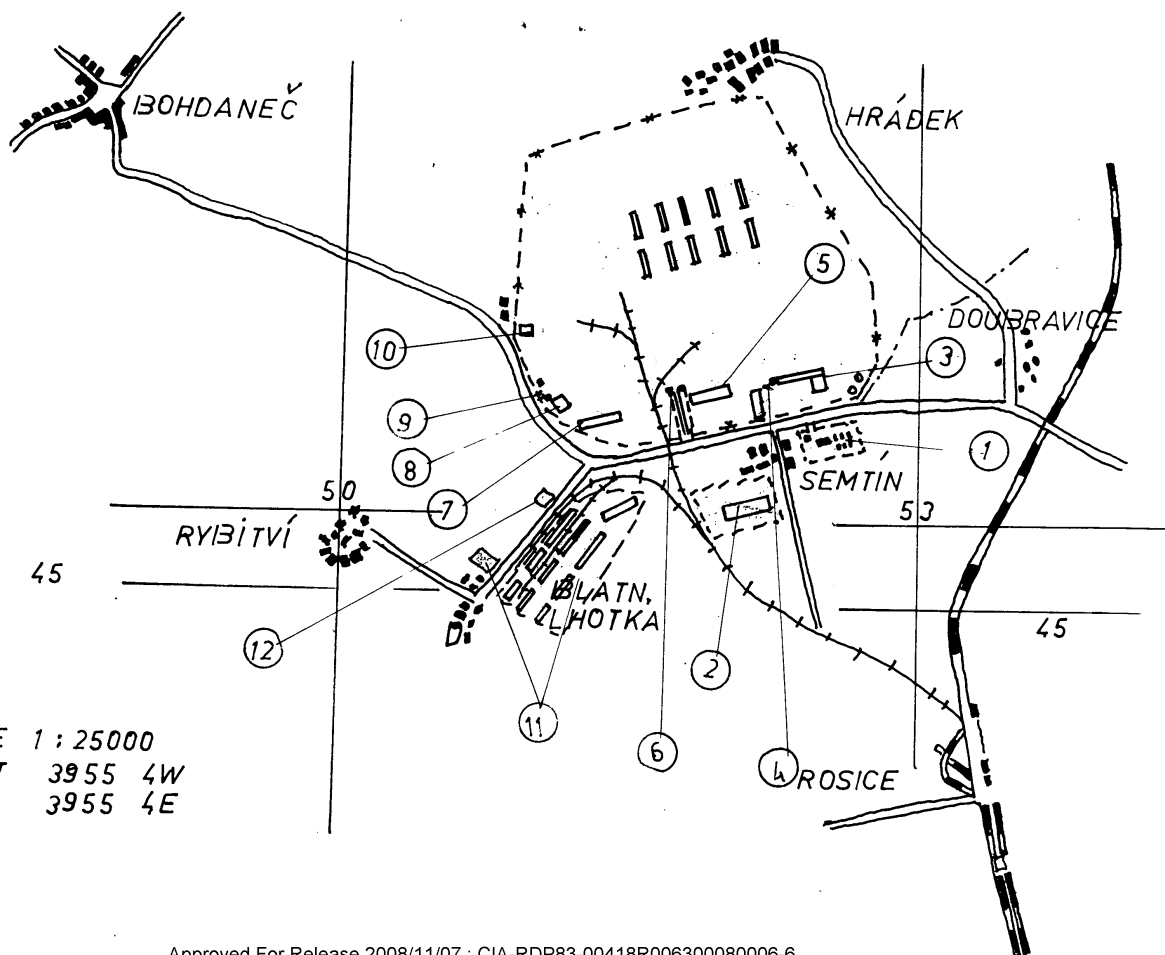
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